



## Biden apologizes to Zelenskyy for monthslong congressional holdup to weapons that let Russia advance



U.S. President Joe Biden shakes hands with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Paris, Friday, June 7, 2024.

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**PARIS (AP)** — President Joe Biden on Friday for the first time publicly apologized to Ukraine for a monthslong congressional holdup in

American military assistance that let Russia make gains on the battlefield.

Biden met in Paris with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who appealed for bipartisan U.S. support going forward "like it was during

World War II."

A day earlier, the two had attended ceremonies marking the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, where Biden had drawn common cause between the allied forces that

helped free Europe from Nazi Germany and today's effort to support Ukraine against Russia's invasion and Zelenskyy had been greeted with a rapt ovation.

"I apologize for those weeks of not knowing what's going

to happen in terms of funding," Biden said, referring to the six-month holdup by conservative Republicans in Congress to a \$61 billion military aid package for Ukraine.

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**EDDIE KROON**  
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**MARRYBELL MADURO**  
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**RICKY THOMAS**  
GUITARIST  
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**SATURDAY:**

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Still, the Democratic president insisted the American people were standing by Ukraine for the long haul. "We're still in. Completely. Thoroughly," he said.

The apology — and Zelenskyy's plea for rock-solid support akin to the allied coalition in WWII — served as a reminder that for all of Biden's talk of an unflagging U.S. commitment to Ukraine, recalcitrance among congressional Republicans and an isolationist strain in American politics have exposed its fragility. And, although unremarked upon, the specter of Donald Trump's candidacy loomed over the discussion, as the Republican former president and the presumptive nominee has spoken positively of Russian President Vladimir Putin and sparked Ukrainian concerns that he would call for it to cede territory to end the conflict.

Zelenskyy pressed for all Americans to support his country's defense against Russia's invasion, and he thanked lawmakers for eventually coming together to approve the weapons package, which has allowed Ukraine to stem Russian advances in recent weeks.

"It's very important that in this unity, United States of America, all American people stay with Ukraine like it was during World War II," Zelenskyy said. "How the United States helped to save human lives, to save Europe. And we count on your continuing support in standing with us shoulder to shoulder."

The United States is by far Kyiv's biggest supplier of war-time support, and Ukraine is trying to fend off an intense Russian offensive in eastern areas of the country. The push is focused on the Ukrainian border regions of Kharkiv and Donetsk, but Ukrainian officials say it could spread as Russia's bigger army seeks to make its advantage tell.

During their meeting, Zelenskyy shared a "very frank assessment" with Biden about conditions on the ground and the pressure that Ukraine continues to face from Russia, especially in the Donbas region,



**U.S. President Joe Biden meets with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Paris, Friday, June 7, 2024 as U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, right, watch.**

according to John Kirby, the White House's national security spokesman. But because of the recent infusion of U.S. aid, the Ukrainians have been able to "thwart Russian advances," particularly around Kharkiv. "The Russians really have kind of stalled out up there, basically," Kirby said. "Their advance on Kharkiv is all but over because they ran into the first line of defenses of the Ukrainian armed forces and basically stopped, if not pulled back some units." The offensive is seeking to exploit Kyiv's shortages of ammunition and troops along the roughly 1,000-kilometer (620-mile) front line.

The slow pace of delivery of pledged Western weaponry has long frustrated Zelenskyy, as has Biden's hesitation over supplying more hardware for fear of provoking Russian President Vladimir Putin. That has caused tension in their relationship.

The U.S. will send about \$225 million in military aid to Ukraine, Biden announced Friday. The latest package includes munitions for the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, or HIMARS, as well as mortar systems and an array of artillery rounds, U.S. officials

said Thursday.

A Ukrainian strike on its partially-occupied Luhansk region using U.S.-made ATACMS missiles killed three people and injured 35 others Friday, local Moscow-appointed authorities said.

Biden cast the additional aid in his meeting with Zelenskyy as money to "reconstruct the electric grid" in Ukraine, a reference aides said was to additional air defense and missile defense systems in the new package.

Easing their stance amid Russia's most recent onslaught and with Ukraine's army reeling, some NATO allies including the U.S. said last week they would allow Ukraine to use weapons they deliver to Kyiv to carry out limited attacks inside Russia.

That step brought a furious response from the Kremlin, which warned that Europe's biggest conflict since World War II could spin out of control.

Biden and Zelenskyy attended the anniversary events of D-Day in Normandy, northern France, on Thursday, along with European leaders who have supported Kyiv's efforts in the war. Biden pledged "we will not walk away" from

Ukraine, drawing a direct line from the fight to liberate Europe from Nazi domination to today's war against Russian aggression.

Ukraine depicts its fight against the Kremlin's forces as a clash between Western democratic freedom and Russian tyranny. Russia says it is defending itself against a menacing eastward expansion of the NATO military alliance.

In a 20-minute speech Friday at the National Assembly, the lower house of the French parliament, Zelenskyy drew a parallel with the sacrifices made during World War II and his country's current fight.

"This battle is a crossroads," Zelenskyy said. "A moment where we can now write history the way we need it. Or we can become victims of history as it suits ... our enemy." Zelenskyy, who spoke in Ukrainian, was frequently interrupted by lawmakers' applause and cheers. He prompted a standing ovation when he said in French, "Dear France, I thank you for standing by our side as we defend life."

French President Emmanuel Macron, meanwhile, announced late Thursday that

France will provide Ukraine with its Mirage combat aircraft. At a news conference Friday following his meeting with Zelenskyy at the Elysée presidential palace in Paris, Macron said the training of pilots and mechanics will start "immediately" but declined to specify the number of combat aircrafts.

France will also train and equip a brigade of the Ukrainian army that represents about 4,500 soldiers, while building a coalition with "partners" to send military instructors onto Ukrainian soil to train the country's troops, Macron said.

Macron said some other nations already agreed to participate, without providing details. He argued sending Western instructors to Ukraine would not be an "escalation" in the conflict.

"It's not about deploying European or allied people and soldiers to the front line," Macron said. "It's about recognizing Ukraine's sovereignty over its territory."

Macron has been a vocal supporter of Ukraine. He said in February that putting Western troops on the ground in Ukraine is not "ruled out."

Zelenskyy began a day of meetings in Paris with an official welcome ceremony at the golden-domed Invalides monument, site of Napoleon's tomb.

During the day, Zelenskyy skipped a scheduled visit to the Nexter arms manufacturer in Versailles, which makes the Caesar self-propelled howitzers that are among the weapons provided by France to Kyiv's forces. He went instead to France's military headquarters with defense manufacturers, and his delegation signed defense agreements.

Zelenskyy's foreign trips aim to keep Ukraine's plight in the public eye, secure more military help for its fight against Russia's invasion and lock in long-term Western support through bilateral alliances. France and Ukraine in February signed a 10-year bilateral security agreement. Zelenskyy has since signed similar bilateral agreements with many European countries. □



## Thomas acknowledges more travel paid for by Harlan Crow. Colleagues report six-figure book payments

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Justice Clarence Thomas on Friday belatedly acknowledged more travel paid by Republican megadonor Harlan Crow, while several colleagues reported six-figure payments as part of book deals.

Thomas, who has faced criticism for failing to report luxury trips paid for by Crow and others over many years, said in his annual financial disclosure that, in 2019, Crow paid for a hotel room in Bali, Indonesia, for a single night, and food and lodging at a private club in Sonoma County, California. He did not report any travel paid by others last year.

The disclosure on Indonesia is curious for what it omits: the rest of the trip. ProPublica reported last year that Thomas flew to Indonesia on Crow's private jet and then boarded his superyacht for an islands tour, one of many trips Crow has given to Thomas and his wife, Ginni, over the years. Another justice, Ketanji Brown Jackson, reported eye-popping numbers, a nearly \$900,000 advance for her upcoming memoir, and attention-grabbing gifts, four tickets to a Beyoncé concert valued at \$3,700 from the singer herself.



Members of the Supreme Court sit for a new group portrait following the addition of Associate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, at the Supreme Court building in Washington, Oct. 7, 2022. Bottom row, from left, Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice Clarence Thomas, Chief Justice of the United States John Roberts, Associate Justice Samuel Alito, and Associate Justice Elena Kagan. Top row, from left, Associate Justice Amy Coney Barrett, Associate Justice Neil Gorsuch, Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh, and Associate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson.

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Jackson was one of four Supreme Court justices who reported sizable income from book deals. Justice Brett Kavanaugh reported being paid \$340,000 by the conservative Regnery Publishing company. The company was sold and the book is to be published by an imprint at Hachette Book Group, according to Axios, which also reported this week that Kavanaugh's book will deal with his contentious confirmation hearing that included allegations of sexual misconduct, which he has denied.

The court confirmed Friday that the justice is writing a legal memoir.

Justices Neil Gorsuch and Sonia Sotomayor reported royalty income of \$250,000 and nearly \$90,000, respectively.

In their day jobs, the justices are being paid \$298,500 this year, except for Chief Justice John Roberts, who earns \$312,200.

The only justice whose report was not available Friday is Samuel Alito, who received

an extension for up to 90 days, as he does most years. The justice has separately been under scrutiny over flags that flew outside homes he owned. He has said they were raised by his wife.

Jackson, the first Black woman on the nation's highest court, signed a book contract soon after taking her seat in 2022. The book, "Lovely One," is to be published in September.

The total value of her book deal has not been publicly disclosed, but it is expected

to rival if not exceed what Sotomayor was paid for her memoir, "My Beloved World," more than \$3 million.

Among the current justices, only Roberts, Alito and Justice Elena Kagan have so far not cut book deals. Thomas received a \$1.5 million advance, stunning at the time, for his 2007 book, "My Grandfather's Son." Justice Amy Coney Barrett in 2022 reported receiving \$425,000 for a yet-to-be-released book, part of a reported \$2 million deal she signed soon after joining the court in 2020.

The disclosures paint a partial picture of the justices' finances, as they are not required to reveal the value of their homes or, for those who are married, their spouses' salary. The justices adopted an ethics code in November, though it lacks a means of enforcement. The code treats travel, food and lodging as expenses rather than gifts, for which monetary values must be reported. Justices aren't required to attach a value to expenses. In March, the federal judiciary began requiring judges to disclose travel-related gifts and their values — rather than reporting such gifts as reimbursements. The justices say they generally abide by the same rules, but Thomas did not disclose the cost of the Bali hotel. □

## Judge dismisses Native American challenge to \$10B SunZia energy transmission project in Arizona

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A U.S. district judge has dismissed claims by Native American tribes and environmentalists who sought to halt construction along part of a \$10 billion energy transmission line that will carry wind-generated electricity from New Mexico to customers as far away as California.

Judge Jennifer Zipps said in her ruling issued Thursday that the plaintiffs were years too late in bringing their challenge. It followed

an earlier decision in which she dismissed their requests for a preliminary injunction, saying the Bureau of Land Management had fulfilled its obligations to identify historic sites and prepare an inventory of cultural resources. The disputed stretch of the SunZia transmission line is in southern Arizona's San Pedro Valley and passes through an area that holds historic, cultural and religious significance for the tribes.

The Tohono O'odham Nation — along with the San Carlos

Apache Tribe, the Center for Biological Diversity and Archeology Southwest — sued in January in hopes of stopping the clearing of roads and pads so more work could be done to identify culturally significant sites within a 50-mile (80-kilometer) stretch of the valley.

California-based developer Pattern Energy called the ruling a win for the region, citing the jobs and billions of dollars in economic development and investment that will result from the project.



This aerial photo taken on Nov. 13, 2023, by Archaeology Southwest with a volunteer pilot and Lighthawk, a nonprofit organization, shows new access roads and tower pad sites west of the San Pedro River, near Redrock Canyon, in Arizona.

Associated Press

"This decision provides assurance moving forward that projects that follow permitting processes and obtain proper approvals will not be threat-

ened years later by baseless legal claims," Pattern Chief Development Officer Cary Kottler said in an email to The Associated Press. □



# Bag of cash doesn't stop jurors from convicting 5 of 7 defendants in \$40 million food fraud scheme

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 Associated Press

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — A jury convicted five Minnesota residents and acquitted two others on Friday for their roles in a scheme to steal more than \$40 million that was supposed to feed children during the coronavirus pandemic. The case received widespread attention after someone tried to bribe a juror with a bag of \$120,000 in cash.

That juror was dismissed before deliberations began, and a second juror who was told about it also was dismissed.

An FBI investigation of the attempted bribe continues, with no arrests announced. After the verdicts were read, Assistant U.S. Attorney Joe Thompson called the attempted bribe "an attack on our criminal justice system" and told reporters that authorities would investigate with all of their resources. He made no other comment on that issue, and expressed satisfaction at the convictions in the fraud case.

"They lied and they fraudulently claimed to be feeding millions of meals to children in Minnesota during COVID. The defendants took advantage of the COVID-19 pandemic to defraud the state of Minnesota and to



Assistant U.S. Attorney Joe Thompson, surrounded by the prosecution's trial team, speaks during a news conference after the verdict was read in the first Feeding Our Future case at the federal courthouse in Minneapolis, Friday, June 7, 2024.

steal tens of millions of dollars," Thompson said. "This conduct was not just criminal, it was depraved and brazen."

Defense attorneys argued at trial that their clients provided real meals to real people.

The seven people were the first of 70 to stand trial in what federal prosecutors have called one of the nation's largest COVID-19-related frauds, exploiting rules that were kept lax so that the economy wouldn't crash

during the pandemic. More than \$250 million in federal funds was taken in the Minnesota scheme overall, with only about \$50 million of it recovered, authorities said. The defendants faced a mix of multiple counts including conspiracy, wire fraud, money laundering and federal programs bribery. In the end, the jurors delivered a split verdict.

Abdiaziz Shafii Farah, Mohamed Jama Ismail, Abdimajid Mohamed Nur, Mukhtar Mohamed Shariff and Hayat

Mohamed Nur were found guilty on most of the counts against them.

Said Shafii Farah and Abdihakim Maalim Aftin were acquitted on all counts they faced.

Andrew Garvis, an attorney for Aftin, said afterward that the case was complex.

"The government had a lot of evidence, and the jury took their time in consideration," Garvis said. "That's what we want in the system, so we appreciate it."

Steven Schleicher, Said Far-

ah's attorney, said his client is grateful to have been acquitted.

An Associated Press analysis published last June documented how thieves across the country plundered billions in federal COVID-19 relief dollars. Fraudsters potentially stole more than \$280 billion, while another \$123 billion was wasted or misspent. Combined, the loss represented 10% of the \$4.3 trillion the government disbursed by last fall. Nearly 3,200 people have been charged and about \$1.4 billion in stolen pandemic aid has been seized, according to the U.S. Justice Department.

After the juror reported the bribe attempt, the judge ordered all seven defendants to surrender their cellphones so that investigators could look for evidence. She also ordered all seven taken into custody, and sequestered the jury.

According to an FBI agent's affidavit, a woman rang the doorbell at the home of "Juror #52" in the Minneapolis suburb of Spring Lake Park the night before the case went to the jury. A relative answered the door and was handed a gift bag with a curly ribbon and images of flowers and butterflies. The woman said it was a "present" for the juror.



This image provided by Seaside Aquarium shows a hoodwinker sunfish that washed ashore on June 3, 2024, on a beach in Gearhart, Ore.

Associated Press

**GEARHART, Ore. (AP)** — A massive rare fish thought to only live in temperate waters in the southern hemisphere has washed up on Oregon's

northern coast, drawing crowds of curious onlookers intrigued by the unusual sight. The 7.3-foot (2.2 meter) hoodwinker sunfish first appeared

## Rare 7-foot fish washed ashore on Oregon's coast garners worldwide attention

on the beach in Gearhart on Monday, the Seaside Aquarium said in a media release. It was still on the beach on Friday and may remain there for weeks, the aquarium said, as it is difficult for scavengers to puncture its tough skin. Photos provided by the aquarium showed a flat, round, gray fish lying on its side in the sand. Photos of a person kneeling next to it, and another of a pickup truck parked next to it, gave a sense of its large scale and size.

The stir it has created on social media prompted a New Zea-

land-based researcher who has studied sunfish to contact the aquarium. After looking at photographs of the fish, Marianne Nyegaard was able to confirm that it was indeed a hoodwinker sunfish — rarer than the more common ocean sunfish — and said she believed it may be the largest such fish ever sampled, according to the aquarium. In research published in 2017, Nyegaard discovered through genetic sampling and observation that the hoodwinker sunfish, or *Mola tecta*, was a different species than the ocean sunfish, *Mola*

*mola*. "Tecta" in Latin means hidden or disguised, referring to a new species that had been "hiding in plain sight," the aquarium said.

A hoodwinker sunfish washed ashore on the California coast in 2019. It has washed ashore again more recently in California and Alaska as well, challenging the theory that it only lives in the southern hemisphere, the aquarium said. It's also likely that the fish has washed ashore in other parts of the Pacific Northwest but was mistaken for the more common ocean sunfish at the time, the aquarium added.



## Putin says he sees no threat warranting use of nuclear arms but warns Russia could arm Western foes

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia

(AP) — President Vladimir Putin said Friday that he sees no current threat to Russia's sovereignty that would warrant the use of nuclear weapons but again warned that Moscow could send arms to countries or groups to strike Western targets.

Speaking at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, Putin said use of nuclear weapons is only possible in "exceptional cases" and that he does not believe "such a case has arisen." The Russian leader has repeatedly raised the specter of a nuclear attack since he sent troops into Ukraine in 2022.

On Friday, he repeated a warning made days earlier that Moscow "reserves the right" to arm Western adversaries as a response to some NATO allies allowing Ukraine to use their weapons to strike targets inside Russia. "If they supply (weapons) to the combat zone and call for using these weapons against our territory, why don't we have the right to do the same?" Putin asked.

"But I'm not ready to say



Russian President Vladimir Putin gestures as he addresses a plenary session of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum in St. Petersburg, Russia, on Friday, June 7, 2024.

Associated Press

that we will be doing it tomorrow, either," Putin added, suggesting that it might affect global stability.

He didn't specify where such arms might be sent. The U.S. has said that Russia has turned to North Korea and Iran to beef up its stock of relatively simple weapons, but Moscow could dip into its stock of high-tech missiles to share with ad-

versaries of the West if Putin decides to fulfill his threat.

The United States and Germany recently authorized Ukraine to hit some targets on Russian soil with the long-range weapons they are supplying to Kyiv.

On Wednesday, a Western official and a U.S. senator said Ukraine has used American weapons to strike inside Russia under

newly approved guidance from President Joe Biden that allows American arms to be used to defend Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city. The official, who was not authorized to comment publicly on the sensitive matter, spoke on condition of anonymity.

Putin also said he sees no need for a new round of mobilization to beef up

Russia's forces in Ukraine because, he said, "people come voluntarily and go to the front lines to defend the Motherland."

Russia mobilized 300,000 reservists in the fall of 2022 amid a series of military setbacks in Ukraine, an unpopular move that prompted hundreds of thousands to flee the country to avoid being drafted.

Putin made the comments during a question and answer session with a pro-Kremlin moderator at the forum, which has been used by Russia for decades as a showcase for touting the country's development and to woo investors.

Earlier in a speech, he said the Russian economy is growing despite international sanctions and said Moscow has increasing economic ties with countries in Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

Putin said Russia "remains one of the key participants in world trade," despite the sweeping sanctions, imposed for sending troops into Ukraine, that cut off much of Russia's trade with Western Europe, the U.S. and their allies. □

## Samoan author accused of killing Samoan writer who was aunt of former US politician Tulsi Gabbard

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Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand

(AP) — An author in Samoa has been charged with murdering another prominent Samoan writer, who was also the aunt of former U.S. congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, authorities in the South Pacific island nation said. Papalii Sia Figiel, 57, is accused of killing Caroline Sinavaiana-Gabbard 78, after an argument last month, officials told The Associated Press. Both women were prominent figures in the Pacific literary community, and Sinavaiana-Gabbard's family is involved in U.S. politics.

Figiel is in custody awaiting a court appearance next week. She has not entered a plea to the charge of murder. Figiel is not yet represented by a lawyer, police said, and could not be contacted for comment. Sinavaiana-Gabbard, a poet and environmentalist, in 2013 became the first person of Samoan ancestry to reach the rank of full professor at a U.S. university, according to the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where she taught from 1997 until her retirement in 2016.

She and Figiel, a poet and novelist, had been friends for 30 years, said Samoa's deputy police commissioner Papalii Monalisa Tiai-Keti in written comments pro-

vided to AP. The women had argued on the day Sinavaiana-Gabbard was killed, Tiai-Keti said.

Her body was found at Figiel's home in Samoa's capital, Apia, two days later, after Figiel reported the death to police officers, authorities said.

"She was accompanied by a family member who was the first person she confided to regarding the incident," said Tiai-Keti.

Officials could not confirm a cause of death for Sinavaiana-Gabbard. A forensic pathologist was due to travel from Fiji to Apia, a city of 36,000 people on Samoa's second-largest island, Upolu, to conduct an autopsy later this month.

Tulsi Gabbard, a former U.S. congresswoman from Hawaii, wrote on Instagram that her aunt had "often shared her poetry with

me, and encouraged me to pursue my own writing" when Gabbard was a child and stayed at her aunt's cottage in Manoa. □



In this photo provided by David Gabbard, David poses for a photo with his sister, Caroline Sinavaiana-Gabbard, on Dec. 2, 2023, in Cedar Creek, Texas, U.S.

Associated Press



## Three Americans implicated in a coup attempt in Congo go on trial before a military court

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 Associated Press

**KINSHASA, Congo (AP) —** Three Americans accused of being involved in last month's coup attempt in Congo appeared in a military court in the country's capital, Kinshasa, on Friday, along with dozens of other defendants who were lined up on plastic chairs before the judge on the first day of the hearing.

The proceedings before the open-air military court were broadcast live on the local television channel.

Six people were killed during the botched coup attempt led by the little-known opposition figure Christian Malanga last month that targeted the presidential palace and a close ally of President Felix Tshisekedi. Malanga was fatally shot for resisting arrest soon after live-streaming the attack on his social media, the Congolese army said.

The defendants face a number of charges, many punishable by death, including terrorism, murder and criminal association. The court said there were 53 names on the list, but the names of Malanga and one other person were removed after death certifi-



From left Tyler Thompson Jr, Marcel Malanga and Benjamin Reuben Zalman-Polun, all American citizens, face the court in Kinshasa with 52 other defendants Friday June 7, 2024, accused of a role in last month's attempted coup in Congo led by little-known opposition figure Christian Malanga in which six people were killed.

Associated Press

cates were produced.

Malanga's 21-year-old son Marcel Malanga, who is a U.S. citizen, and two other Americans are on trial for their alleged role in the attack. All three requested an interpreter to translate the proceedings from French to English.

Malanga's son was the first to be questioned by the judge, who asked him to confirm his name and other personal details. The military official chosen to translate

for him was apparently unable to understand English well. Eventually, a journalist was selected from the media to replace him, but he too had trouble translating numbers and the details of the proceedings.

"He's not interpreting right. We need a different interpreter who understands English, please," Marcel Malanga told the judge after the journalist incorrectly translated his zip code.

But no other translator

emerged and the defendants had to make do with the journalist, who worked for national radio. Malanga appeared frustrated and defiant as the interview stumbled ahead.

Tyler Thompson Jr., 21, flew to Africa from Utah with the younger Malanga for what his family believed was a vacation, with all expenses paid by the elder Malanga. The young men had played high school football together in the Salt Lake

City suburbs. Other teammates accused Marcel of offering up to \$100,000 to join him on a "security job" in Congo.

Thompson appeared before the court with a shaved head and sores on his skin, looking nervous and lost as he confirmed his name and other personal details.

His stepmother, Miranda Thompson, told The Associated Press that the family found out about the hearing too late to arrange travel to Congo, but hoped to be present for future court dates. Before this week, the family had no proof he was still alive.

"We're thrilled with the confirmation," she said.

Miranda Thompson had worried that her stepson might not even be aware that his family knew he'd been arrested. On Monday, the U.S. Embassy in Congo told the AP it had yet to gain access to the American prisoners to provide consular services before the trial.

The embassy didn't immediately respond to a request for comment on Friday. Thompson's family maintains he had no knowledge of the elder Malanga's intentions, no plans for political activism and didn't even plan to enter Congo. □

## Graffiti with images and messages referencing Ukraine appear on Paris buildings near Parliament



Graffiti showing a coffin and reading "A French soldier in Ukraine" in Paris Friday, June 7, 2024 in Paris.

Associated Press

**PARIS (AP) —** Unusual spray-painted images and messages with references to Ukraine appeared on the streets of Paris on Friday as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy met with U.S. President Joe Biden in the French capital.

It was unclear who sprayed the graffiti that has appeared on several buildings in central Paris near the Parliament complex and various government ministries. Some depicted coffins with stenciled signs in French that say "A French soldier in Ukraine." Others

include a sign that says in Ukrainian "Return the elections back to Ukrainians."

It was the latest of several strange incidents in recent months worrying French authorities as Paris prepares to host the Olympic Games in 50 days.

Three people were detained and released Monday after they allegedly placed five coffins at the foot of the Eiffel Tower, a Paris landmark that will feature prominently in the upcoming games.

Last month, graffiti showing red hands appeared on

the Holocaust Memorial in Paris.

And in October, soon after the start of the Israel-Hamas war, stencils of blue Stars of David appeared on Paris buildings. French authorities accused Russian security services of stirring up controversy around the stars.

French Foreign Minister Stephane Sejourne said both incidents involved people paid to destabilize and drive wedges in French society. The Russian Embassy in Paris denied any Russian involvement. □



*Did you know about...*

## Basic driving rules on Aruba (part 2)

(Oranjestad)—In Yesterday's issue, we've provided some basic rules when driving on the four-lane highways and roundabouts on the island. Today, we want to offer you more tips and tricks when it comes to driving on the roads and highways of Aruba.

### Speed limit in certain areas

As mentioned in yesterday's issue, the legal minimum and maximum speed limit on the island is 50 and 80 km/h respectively. However, there are some areas where it is mandated to drive up to a certain speed. This is always indicated by a circular traffic sign with red border and the number 50 on it. Signs like these are always paired

by a similar sign with the number crossed out further down the road. This means that the mandate for this speed is now over; you may increase your velocity. Red borders on traffic sign—whether it's a circle or triangle—usually signal a warning, prohibition or preference.

Besides the "50" sign, you may also

encounter a traffic sign that says "bebouwde kom". These can be found in San Nicolas and Oranjestad. Bebouwde kom signs are rectangular and blue, and essentially tell you that you are in a heavily inhabited area. The maximum speed limit in a bebouwde kom is 50 km/h. Just like the previous pair, bebouwde kom signs are also paired with a similar sign crossed out.

### Priority signs

On the main roads of Aruba (not the highways), you may see a yellow, squared sign with a white border. This sign tells you that on this road, you have priority and all other traffic should yield to you. This sign can be seen in Savaneta for example. So, if you are driving on the main road in Savaneta going to San Nicolas, you are driving on a single long road, and other cars that want to get on this main road or cross it, either from an intersection or from a dirt road, must all wait until traffic on the main road is clear. In other words, you do not have to stop for them. This sign too has a counter part that indicates that your priority is over.

Another priority sign you may encounter is a triangle sign with a red border and something that looks like a cross. You'll see this sign in an intersection. The general rule of thumb for crossing an intersection that do not contain traffic lights, roundabouts, sign or arrows on the road, is to always yield for traffic on your right. However, if you encounter this sign on your side of the intersection, you have priority over the other cars, even the one on your right.

However, be careful not to confuse this sign with a similar up-side down triangle, also found on intersections. This sign is a prohibition sign, telling you that you have to stop and give other cars priority. Of course you also have a "stop" sign that mean the same thing. The stop sign is generally used for tricky intersections with minimal view of opposite incoming traffic.

These are some of the basic rules that you would have to know if you decide to drive on the island. These are of course other traffic signs, and we recommend you visit [aruba-travelguide.com](http://aruba-travelguide.com) for an extensive overview of all traffic signs used on Aruba. □

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# Aruba's neighborhoods; the meaning behind their names

Just like any other country, Aruba has unique and beautifully named neighborhoods that all form a part of its culture and development. Many of these names have a historical background and meaning that teaches us about the island and its rich culture every day.

With this series, we want to take you on a journey of discovery, where you'll learn not only the beautiful names but the history behind it that gives it life and meaning.

**Anabui/Tierra Del Sol**  
This neighborhood can be seen on Van Raders map and Werbata as Anna Boei. Anna Boei is a name of which there isn't much information about its origin.

The best historians were able to deduce is that this name came to be because of a miscommunication between Van Spengler and the natives who were living on the island. In the Arawak/Taino language one can find the word Anaiboa, which consists of Ana meaning flower or the



best and lboa; the juice of a cassava, which together would mean "the best juice of a cassava".

If one assumes that the ac-

tual word heard was Ana-boio instead, consisting of Ana meaning the best and Boio (bohio); house, the iteration of Anabui would mean "the best house." This is the origin that has been more or less speculated and assumed for the word Anabui and it's meaning.

During the second world war and later, this area was used as a terrain for training of shooting by militia and later on Korps Mariniers (the marines of Aruba). By the end of the previous century a large part of Anabui was developed to have luxuri-

ous villas and a golf course, which lead to it getting the name Tierra Del Sol, Spanish for Land of the Sun. The name is not an official name, but the name of the

development project that took place. It is hoped that the original and 'old' name of Anabui is never lost and now it will be remembered by both locals and tourists.

**Angochi**  
This name can be seen on the Werbata map with little and cursive letters. It is the unofficial name for the area given by a tenant to the land that was rented to him.

The biggest probability that historians believe is that it comes from native descent, during the time in the 19th century where Mestizos still lived on Aruba. The name can't really be explain and according to books on its history seems to be more of a sign of corruption.

However, it seems to come from combining A(n), which is a generalizing prefix and Goeiza, which means 'the spirit of a living man'. Angochi remains more of a guess.

This neighborhood's abbreviation is; An.□





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## Craving a late-night snack? We got you covered!

(Oranjestad)—After a night out it's custom to grab yourself a late-night snack on the road. Here in Aruba, there are dozens of food trucks that you can visit to enjoy a late-night bite. Here are a few that can be found in the down town/hotel area.

### Chalo burger



Chalo burger is a favorite among locals, and it's due to its popularity that it has branched out to different parts on the island. One of its main locations is in Palm Beach, near the hotel area. Chalo offers a variety of fast-food meals, like hamburgers, hotdogs, loaded fries and more! A popular dish among locals is the Salchipapa: loaded fries with sausages, cheese and a mix of sweet and savory sauce. Perfect for those late-night cravings!



Chalo is open Wednesdays through Mondays from 7pm to 12 am (Fridays till 1am), and is located at Palm Beach 178 (a little past the roundabout near the Piazza Gianni's). Other Locations include Tanki Leendert and Savaneta.



### Julio's Corner

Situated in a nice little corner off the highway, Julio's Corner has a huge menu comprised of different dishes and snacks, all made with a Venezuelan twist! From arepa's to chicken wings, to pizzas and burgers, Julio's Corner has it all to satisfy your taste! Editor's choice for what to get at Julio's Corner is the quesadilla, which comes with a side of fries.

Julio's Corner is open Mondays through Saturday from 6pm to 2am (Fridays and Saturdays up to 4am), and is located in the parking lot of the Eagle Bowling Palace, right on the other side of the road from the Sasaki gas station.



### Habibi Express

Habibi Express is a Lebanese food truck stand, one of very few food trucks on the island to sell Mediterranean food. Located right at the entrance of The Local Market near the cruise ship port, here you can fill your stomach (and heart) with a variety of options like shawarmas, doners, kapsalons and more, all 100% halal. When asked, the chef there recommends all foodies to try their lamb shawarma, as it's a favorite among guests.

Habibi Express is open every day from 5pm to 12am. While you're there, how about a picture with the genie?☞



# Why You Should Not Miss Aruba’s Free City Center Street Car Tour

ORANJESTAD - Aruba’s City Center Street Car - or as we call it in Dutch; “Tram van Oranjestad” - is a single track tram line in Oranjestad, the capital city of Aruba. It was inaugurated on 22 December 2012, being the first and so far the only passenger rail service on Aruba and the rest of the Dutch Caribbean. There are two trolleys, a single-deck one with 42 seats and a double-decker with 64

seats. The line was inspired by the popular battery-powered streetcar operation at the Grove in Los Angeles, USA. Aruba’s streetcars are powered by hydrogen fuel cells, which are charged by the island’s year-round trade winds. Caya Betico Croes, mostly referred to as our “main street” has been developed into a pollution-free pedes-

trian mall. The double-decker offers you a 360 degree view of the down town area with a picture perfect scenery of the island’s clear blue skies. Who would not enjoy a ride on this beautiful and naturally air-conditioned vehicle? The tour consists of a total of 9 stops approximately 200 meters apart from each other; all stops are clearly marked. The tram will bring you close to different museums, histori-



cal plazas, monuments, the Protestant church, Aruba’s high- end mall, retail shops, and a variety of local and international cuisine restaurants. The “I love Aruba” trademark also belongs to that list. The third stop on the route is close to a 5-minute walk to the famous Renaissance Marina showcasing luxurious yachts and Aruba’s blue waters.

The “Tram van Oranjestad” starts from a balloon loop near the Port of Call and serves the downtown area and ends at Plaza Nicky. The first ride starts at 10:00

am sharp with intervals of 25minutes. The last trolley departs from the cruise port at 5:00pm. Don’t miss this tour of the beautiful Aruba’s City Center- it is free for all! □



## How Aruban beaches came to be!

(Oranjestad)—We’ve talked about the best beaches to visit on the island before, but have you ever wondered how Aruba got its white, sandy beaches, and why there’s a clear difference between the northern and southern shores? Here are some fun facts about the development of Aruban beaches.

**How did Aruba get its white, sandy beaches?**  
Aruba’s beaches have de-

veloped over the span of thousands of years. Waves crashing on the rocky formations along our coast line (which consists mainly of coral reefs) have started to wear and tear the reefs over time, resulting in its gradual breakdown. Fish that feed off corals also contribute to this, one small bite at a time. Over the course of thousands of years, as waves continue to crash and fish continue to eat off the corals,

sand starts to accumulate around the area. However, whether the sand stays there is another question to be answered, and this is where we highlight the biggest difference between the northern and southern coast of the island.

The sand that accumulates around a torn coral reef is swept away along with the debris by the ocean stream. However, in areas where it’s shallow and the



stream is weaker, the sand tends to stick to the bottom faster. This is why the beaches in the south—the areas with weaker stream and shallower ocean floors—has sand that stretches for miles. In contrast, the northern area, where the stream is much stronger and the ocean floor is much deeper, there is no sand present—they were swept away with the current!

interesting phrasing.

Aruba is a continental island. The island actually forms part of South America, and the space between Aruba and the South American continent is simply referred to as land that runs under the ocean. This is why it gets gradually deeper in the south, whereas the ocean floor in the north runs steeply to the bottom.

**Why north deep, but south shallow?**  
Ah! Good question...and

Source: archival document provided by the National Archive of Aruba (ANA). □





# Aruba: the legend behind its name

**(Oranjestad)—Most folkloric tales and legends in Aruba revolve around our indigenous ancestors, who came from mainland Venezuela, and discovered the island and made it into their new home. This particular legend tells the story of the birth of the Aruba name.**

The legend follows the life of Arua, an indigenous Cacique originally from Aroa in the Falcon state in Venezuela in the year 50 AD. Arua had a son around the year 70 AD with his wife Shira, who they named Corobori. When Corobori was old enough, he joined his father on the usual boat trip to the islands of Curacao and Bonaire to gather salt.

On their way back to Mainland Venezuela, they were caught up in a heavy rain storm—a side effect from a passing, but far away, hurricane. Of course, because of the lack of motors and sail, their boat was left in the mercy of the heavy winds. After a while, the storm started to pass, and the clouds began to clear up. Finally able to see around them, the Cacique spotted land approximately an hour away. So, they started to row in that direction until they reached the coast.

Once they arrived on what they thought was Venezuela, they decided to stay the night and fix their kayak. The next morning, the Cacique ordered his son and a few warriors to go find any sign of population in the area: "Corobori," Arua said. "Don't come back without news. It's in your hands how long we stay here till we find our family. So, if you need to take a week to gather information, we will wait for you."

"Don't worry," Corobori replied. "As soon as we have any information, we will let you know." Armed with arrows and spears, backpacks filled with food and water containers, they set off. They climbed several small hills, but no sign of a village. They crossed different dry riverbeds, but no sign of anything. When the sun finally descended, they found themselves near a fairly tall hill and decided to climb it for a better view of a village. This hill was called Pan Dushi or Orcuyo, which today we call Hooiberg.

The next morning, they could clearly see that they have landed on an island, but an unfamiliar one at that. When Corobori went back to where his father was waiting, he told him the news: "Father Arua, you have just discovered an island, but it is not Curacao or Bonaire. Far in the south, we saw the big mountains of our homeland Venezuela, which we could have never seen on the other island. This leads us to believe we are on a new island. But that's not all. When the sun came up, we saw in the distance a glowing plain, which we think may be salt."

The Cacique was pleased to hear of his son's findings. He decided to stay a couple days on the newly-discovered island in search for salt. The next morning they ascended Hooiberg again and stayed to see if they could find nearby smoke, indicating an inhabitant village. But they found nothing. So they went back to their initial arrival settlement, now known as Santo Largo in Savaneta. The next morning they hiked along the Spaans Lagoen near the Mangel Halto Beach and reached the area of Bushiri. There, they boarded their kayaks and heading to what we know now as Malmok, where they found rocks of salt. After a couple days of exploring the island and gathering some salt rocks, they left for Venezuela, where they were reunited with their families.

Throughout the year, they travelled back and forth to Aruba, collecting salt. After a while they settled on the island, generations of families living along the coast. Corobori was the first indigenous inhabitant in our history to explore the entirety of the island.

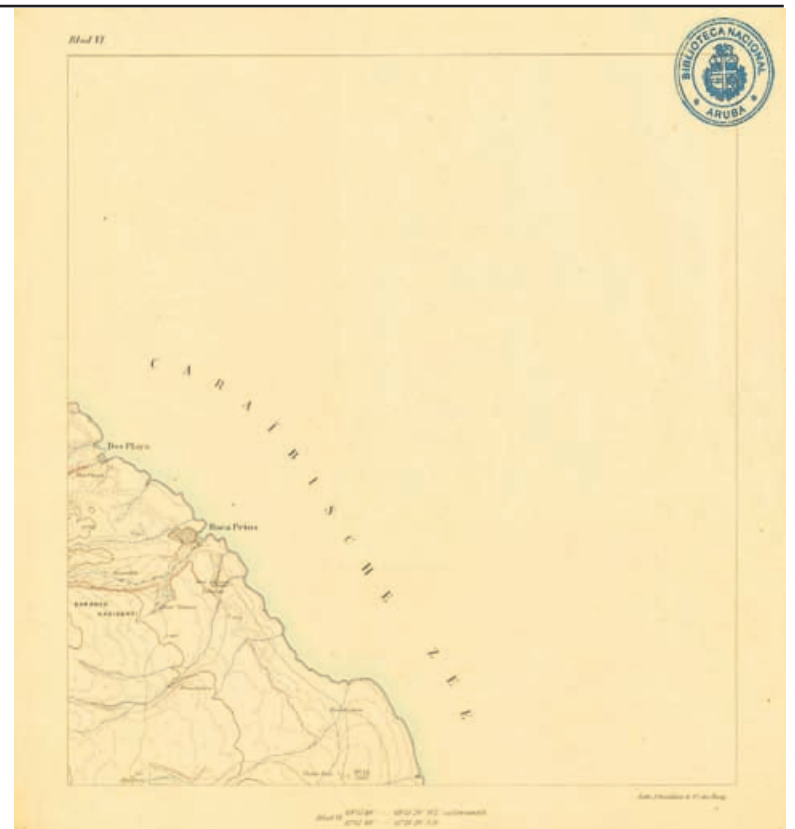
Arua, after decades as the leader of his tribe, spent his last days on the island. Having reached 80 years old, he called for his family on his death bed. In his hammock, he said: "My children, many years have passed, and I've asked my warrior to bring me back to the island so I can laid to rest. The God of living has given me the gift of life to see my son, grandchildren and great grandchildren. But now he is calling me home. Corobori, my torch is now passed to you. Guide our people, and be the leader you were always meant to become. If one day you leave my island, do not forget that it is also yours. This is my last wish: When I die, bury me in our maize plantation."

And so when the Cacique passed away, his wishes were granted and he was laid to rest in the area we now know as the Paradera Cemetery. Where he used to live, they built the Paradera Church.

And that is the tale of what inspired the Aruba name. In the generations that lived or travelled back and forth to the island, there were many familiar names\*, like Guadiriki, a warrior who was there when the island got discovered and his son, whom he called Huliba; Corobori and his children, Corodori, Camacuri and Turibana, Masiduri; and Malmok, the 13-year-old boy who alerted the Cacique when the Caribes attacked.

Familiar names: all these names are familiar to Arubans, as these are the names of places and plants on the island.

**Source: Un storia di e Indjan Arua (A story of the Indian Arua) by Adolf (Dufi) Kock**





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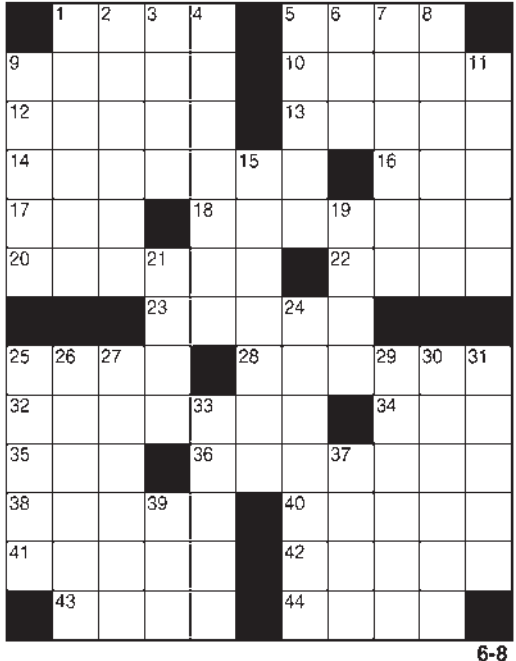
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**Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba**

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic—but important—information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

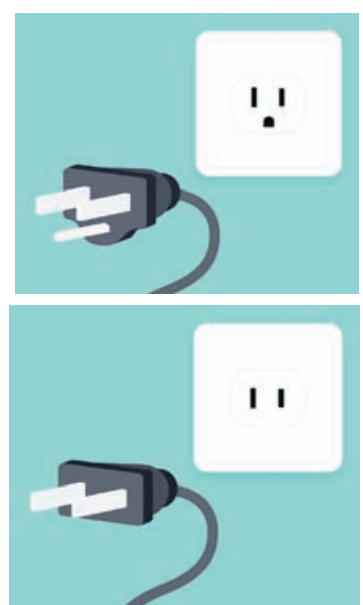
lets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.

**Supermarket hours**



Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

**Electrical power**



Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of out-

**Drinking water**



The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

**Safety**



Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.

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# New study finds Earth warming at record rate, but no evidence of climate change accelerating

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**  
AP Science Writer

The rate Earth is warming hit an all-time high in 2023 with 92% of last year's surprising record-shattering heat caused by humans, top scientists calculated.

The group of 57 scientists from around the world used United Nations-approved methods to examine what's behind last year's deadly burst of heat. They said even with a faster warming rate they don't see evidence of significant acceleration in human-caused climate change beyond increased fossil fuel burning.

Last year's record temperatures were so unusual that scientists have been debating what's behind the big jump and whether climate change is accelerating or if other factors are in play.

"If you look at this world accelerating or going through a big tipping point, things aren't doing that," study lead author Piers Forster, a Leeds University climate scientist, said. "Things are increasing in temperature and getting worse in sort of exactly the way we predicted."

It's pretty much explained by the buildup of carbon dioxide from rising fossil fuel use, he and a co-author said.

Last year the rate of warming hit 0.26 degrees Celsius (0.47 degrees Fahrenheit) per decade up from 0.25 degrees Celsius (0.45 degrees Fahrenheit) the year before. That's not a significant difference, though it does make this year's rate the highest ever, Forster said.

Still, outside scientists said this report highlights an ever more alarming situation.

"Choosing to act on climate has become a political talking point but this report should be a reminder to people that in fact it is fundamentally a choice to save human lives," said University of Wisconsin climate scientist Andrea Dut-



A woman is silhouetted against the setting sun as triple-digit heat indexes continue in the Midwest, Aug. 20, 2023, in Kansas City, Mo.

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ton, who wasn't part of the international study team. "To me, that is something worth fighting for."

The team of authors formed to provide annual scientific updates between the every seven- to eight-year major U.N. scientific assessments determined last year was 1.43 degrees Celsius warmer than the 1850 to 1900 average with 1.31 degrees of that coming from human activity. The other 8% of the warming is due mostly to El Nino, the natural and temporary warming of the central Pa-

cific that changes weather worldwide and also a freak warming along the Atlantic and just other weather randomness.

On a larger 10-year time frame, which scientists prefer to single years, the world has warmed about 1.19 degrees Celsius (2.14 degrees Fahrenheit) since pre-industrial times, the report in the journal Earth System Science Data found.

The report also said that as the world keeps using coal, oil and natural gas, Earth is likely to reach the point in 4.5 years that it can no

longer avoid crossing the internationally accepted threshold for warming: 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit ).



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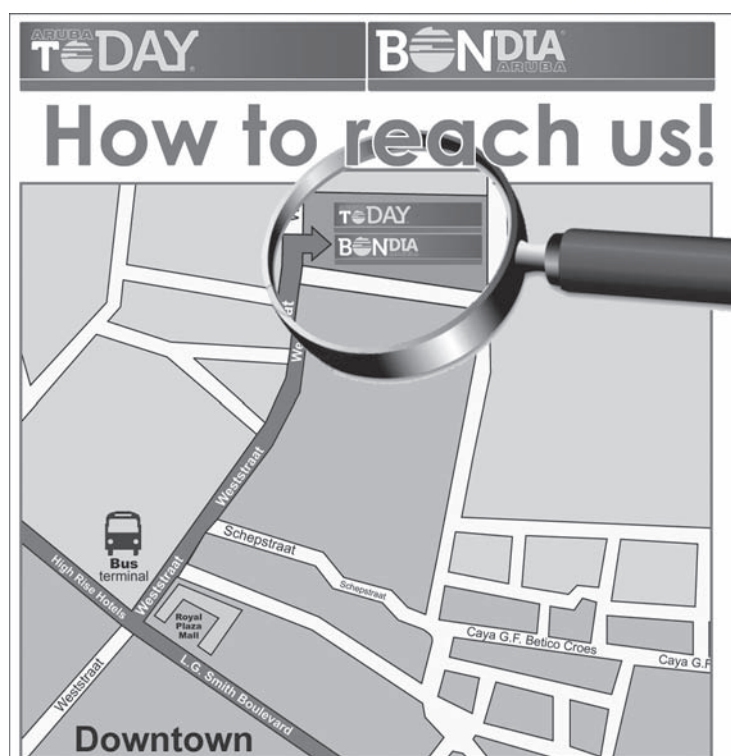
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## Glen Powell gives big leading man energy in 'Hit Man'

By LINDSEY BAHR  
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For a guy like Glen Powell, the ascent to movie stardom isn't really a question. It's more like an inevitability. Blessed with that square jawline, those bright green eyes, a flop of dirty blonde hair and the kind of symmetrical smile that would seem suspect if it weren't so darn charming, he's a Disney prince before they all became the bad guys. And he's got the kind of effortless, high-wattage charisma that ensures a career beyond soaps and procedurals, the typical resting ground for the laughably handsome. Powell has something, you believe, going on behind the eyes. This is all to say that suspension of disbelief is a prerequisite going into "Hit Man," a decently entertaining action-comedy-romance about a fake hit man from filmmaker Richard Linklater, who co-wrote the script with Powell. It has made a brief stop in theaters before hitting Netflix on Friday. Based on a "somewhat true story" though it may be, this



This image released by Netflix shows Adria Arjona, left, and Glen Powell in a scene from "Hit Man." Associated Press

is a film that asks its audience to buy into the idea that the characters in this film believe that Powell's face is bland and forgettable. This has everything to do with his character, Gary Johnson, a philosophy professor in New Orleans who lives a quiet, solitary life in the suburbs tending to his two cats, birding, tinkering

with electronics and helping the local police install surveillance equipment for sting operations. He drives a Honda Civic and wears ill-fitting polo shirts, knee-length jean shorts and socks with his semi-orthopedic sandals. And, of course, like many hot guys in disguise before him, he's got a pair of wire-rimmed glass-

es. Why he dresses like your middle-aged uncle in 1992 is anyone's guess. Were he in Bushwick, it might not even look odd. But this is a movie and we know that Gary is predestined for a glow-up. Not that "Hit Man" allows itself to have any fun with the makeover aspect. No, once plain Gary is thrown

into this amateur undercover work (by Retta and Sanjay Rao), we only get to see the final looks he wears to meet all the people looking to hire a hit man. He dips into the theatrical for these occasions, sporting wigs, makeup, accents and fake tattoos in his attempt to be what he thinks each specific person thinks a hit man should be, which is moderately amusing. But besides a brief bit showing him watching a wig-and-makeup YouTube tutorial, his transformations are not exactly investigated. There's no shopping montage, no Harvey Fierstein-type character helping him find his way around the college theater department's costume room, and no apparent budgetary concerns or discussions, which seems odd for a guy who is only doing this undercover stuff for an extra paycheck. In a movie that perhaps had a better engine behind it, questions like these might evaporate with the laughter and enjoyment of a fairly silly premise. □

## After 41 years, Pat Sajak makes his final spin as host of 'Wheel of Fortune'

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — After 41 years and over 8,000 episodes, Pat Sajak's final turn as the renowned host of "Wheel of Fortune" will air on Friday. In a farewell message released ahead of Friday's episode airing, Sajak thanked the viewers of the beloved game show for granting him the "incredible privilege to be invited into millions of homes, night after night, year after year, decade after decade." He noted that he always found it important to keep the daily half-hour show a "safe place for family fun," excluding any social issues or political topics from the banter he shared with contestants and his co-host and letter turner, Vanna White. He said he wanted

to keep the show "just a game," before noting that to many, it became a part of their daily lives. "Gradually, it became more than that," Sajak continued. "A place where kids learned their letters, where

people from other countries honed their English skills, where families came together along with friends and neighbors and entire generations. What an honor to have played even a small part in all that."



Pat Sajak, left, and Vanna White, from "Wheel of Fortune," attend a ceremony honoring Harry Friedman with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles on Nov. 1, 2019.

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White paid an emotional tribute to her partner on Thursday's episode, calling him "like a brother" and a "true lifelong friend." In the pre-recorded video that featured clips and photos of their 41 years as co-workers, she added that their personal friendship has meant even more than their professional collaboration. Sajak announced in June 2023 that he would retire from his hosting duties at the end of the show's 41st season, with Ryan Seacrest set to succeed him. White will stay on as Seacrest's co-host through the 2025-2026 season, based on a contract extension she signed in September. In a recent interview for "Good Morning America" with Sajak's daughter Maggie, who serves as the

show's social correspondent, the host said he felt "surprisingly OK" given that he announced his retirement almost a year before his final show. "I've had time to sort of get used to it and it's been a little bit wistful and all that, but I'm enjoying it and taking it all in and reflecting on a great run," he said. Looking back on his time with the popular game show, Sajak said he is grateful for how audiences across the country connected with the show and made it a part of their daily routines. "Somewhere along the line, we became more than a popular show. We became a part of popular culture, and more importantly, we became a part of people's lives," he said. "That's been awfully gratifying." □



# Fun and games in London for Mets and Phillies as players get pints, see sights

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**LONDON (AP)** — The Philadelphia Phillies and New York Mets are enjoying London so much they might not want to go home. Can you blame them? There's business ahead with a two-game set this weekend, but Friday's workout at London Stadium was a laid-back affair following team dinners the night before.

"It was really nice to have a proper pint of Guinness," Mets first baseman Pete Alonso said.

A group of Phillies visited the Tower of London for an event before heading to a Philly-themed bar. Phillies manager Rob Thomson estimated the crowd at 500 fans.

Bryce Harper hit a market and sampled food from various vendors. The best part? No one recognized him.

"I've actually enjoyed people not really realizing who I am," the slugger said. "The coolest thing I've seen in London yet is, I've driven by and I've seen people outside the pub drinking and having conversation with no phones or anything like that. ... I think everybody can learn from that."



New York Mets Francisco Lindor wears a glove decorated with Union flags and pictures of London landmarks during a workout day at the London stadium in London, Friday, June 7, 2024.

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The Phillie Phanatic made the trip and showed no signs of jet lag in firing up some school children who watched the workouts from the stands behind the first-base dugout. The Phillies shared video of him walking near Buckingham Palace dressed like a member of the King's Guard.

Jake Diekman and fellow Mets relief pitchers ran routes and tossed an American football to each other in the outfield under

two huge flags the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes high above center field at London Stadium, the reconfigured home of Premier League club West Ham.

This is MLB's third visit to London in the past five seasons. The New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox in 2019 played the league's debut game in Europe and the St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago Cubs split a two-game set last June.

A couple of fans holding a UK Red Sox Supporters Club flag high-fived each other after J.D. Martinez looked up and acknowledged them. Martinez helped the Red Sox win the 2018 World Series.

Besides sampling a Guinness, Alonso solicited advice from local reporters on where to get the best Sunday roast.

"Sunday we're leaving unfortunately. I know Sunday roasts are a thing," he said.

"Are they served specifically on Sundays at places or can you get this at any time?"

Pretty much anytime was the answer plus "have as much gravy as possible."

It wasn't all laughs, though. Thomson said he "absolutely" is concerned about all travel the NL East-leading Phillies (44-19) have been doing. The Phillies left May 23 for a road trip that included stops in Denver and San Francisco.

"We're crossing 18 time zones since Colorado 'til we get to Boston," Thomson said. "That can put a lot of stress on your body, for a player, so we're concerned about it. Everything we can do we're trying to get it done so that they don't get hurt."

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Former West Ham players Anton Ferdinand and James Collins had an extended chat with Alonso before the first baseman took batting practice. Alonso signed a West Ham jersey and a couple of baseballs for the pair. ... Matthew Broderick will throw out the ceremonial first pitch on Saturday. Wrexham co-owner and Phillies fan Rob McElhenney gets the ball Sunday. □

# Mike Tyson's fight with Jake Paul has been rescheduled for Nov. 15 after Tyson's health episode

Mike Tyson's fight with Jake Paul is now set for Nov. 15 after the former world heavyweight champion fell ill on a flight last month.

The fight was originally set for July 20 in Arlington, Texas, home to the NFL's Dallas Cowboys, and will be aired on Netflix.

Tyson became nauseous and dizzy during the final hour of a flight from Miami to Los Angeles. His plane was met by first responders, while Tyson's camp attributed the episode to an ulcer problem and said he would need to do light training for several weeks. Tyson turns 58 on June 30.

"Although we had to postpone the fight, I will resume training shortly.

I am thankful to the medical staff that treated me and to MVP, Netflix, and AT&T Stadium for working diligently to find the best reschedule date for all parties," Tyson said in a statement released by Netflix.

"While we have a new date, the result will be the same no matter when we fight. Jake Paul is getting knocked out."

The fight was originally slated for a Saturday, but will be held on a Friday as the Cowboys prepare to host the Houston Texans on Nov.

18 for Monday Night Football.

"Our team has worked diligently with all parties involved to reschedule this monumental fight to a date that ensures both Jake Paul and Mike Tyson are fully prepared, with equal training time, as well as allowing us to keep the event at AT&T stadium in the midst of the Cowboys season," said Nakisa Bidarian, co-founder of Most Valuable Promotions.

Tyson hasn't fought professionally since June 2005, but he has been training regularly for several years. He fought Roy Jones Jr. in

an entertaining exhibition in Los Angeles in November 2020. □



Mike Tyson speaks during a news conference promoting his upcoming boxing bout against Jake Paul, May 16, 2024, in Arlington, Texas.

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# Carlos Alcaraz will play Alexander Zverev in the first French Open final for each

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**PARIS (AP)** — Carlos Alcaraz started poorly and fell behind early in his French Open semifinal against Jannik Sinner. Later, as both dealt with cramps under Friday's afternoon sun, Alcaraz trailed by two sets to one.

By the end of the latest installment in this burgeoning rivalry between two young, talented players, an engaging five-setter that lasted 4 hours, 9 minutes, Alcaraz actually had accumulated fewer total points, 147-145.

That, of course, is not the score that matters. And Alcaraz, who says he takes pleasure from challenges, ultimately persevered, pulling out a 2-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 victory over Sinner to get to his first final in Paris. It made the 21-year-old from Spain the youngest man to reach a Grand Slam title match on three surfaces.

"You have to find the joy (while) suffering. That's the key even more on clay, here at Roland Garros. Long rallies. Four-hour matches. Five sets," Alcaraz said. "You have to fight. You have to suffer. But as I told my team many, many times, you have to enjoy suffering."

He won championships at the U.S. Open in 2022 on hard courts and at Wimbledon in 2023 on grass.

Now the No. 3-seeded Alcaraz will face No. 4 Alexander Zverev of Germany on the red clay Sunday. Hours before his 2-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 semifinal victory over No. 7 Casper Ruud of Norway, Zverev's domestic abuse case in Berlin ended, because he reached an out-of-court settlement with his accuser, a former girlfriend.

Ruud started well, but then began to fade, and he was handed some pills by a doctor during a third-set changeover. Ruud, who said afterward he had a stomach problem, looked listless and stopped chasing some shots, a shell of



Spain's Carlos Alcaraz celebrates as he won the semifinal match of the French Open tennis tournament against Italy's Jannik Sinner at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Friday, June 7, 2024. Associated Press

the player who leads the tour in match wins this season and has been the runner-up at majors three times including in 2022 and 2023 in Paris.

Zverev finally broke through at Roland Garros after bowing out in the semifinals each of the past three years. This will be his second Grand Slam final: He blew a two-set lead and lost in five against Dominic Thiem at the U.S. Open in 2020.

"I was not mature enough. I was maybe too much of a kid still," said Zverev, who is now 27.

"I didn't know what the occasion means."

This will be the first French Open men's final without Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic or Roger Federer since 2004.

Djokovic was the defending champion in Paris, but he withdrew before the quarterfinals after tearing the meniscus in his right knee and had surgery this week.

Because he failed to get back to the final, he will drop from atop the ATP rankings, allowing Sinner to rise a spot from No. 2, de-

spite his defeat on Friday. "Obviously disappointed how it ended, but it's part of my growing and the process," said Sinner, who won the Australian Open in January for his first major trophy. "The winner is happy, and then the loser tries to find a way to beat him the next time."

The 22-year-old Italian showed up in Paris with a lingering hip injury that forced him to sit out the clay-court tournament in Rome last month.

Alcaraz missed that event, too, because of a right forearm issue that he said made him afraid to hit his booming forehands at full force.

Both men experienced physical problems in the third set. Alcaraz's right hand began to cramp. Sinner had his right forearm and left thigh massaged by a trainer during changeovers.

It brought to mind last year's French Open semifinals, when Alcaraz got off to a terrific start against Djokovic but then dealt with full-body cramps that rendered the remainder of

the match anticlimactic.

"I learned from last year's match against Djokovic, when I was in the same position as today," Alcaraz said. "I know that, in this moment, you have to be calm, you have to keep going, because the cramp is going to go away. You have to stay there, fighting."

He and Sinner are seen as the future of men's tennis. The present isn't too shabby, either.

Even though this was not necessarily the most aesthetically pleasing of their nine head-to-head meetings Alcaraz leads 5-4 and they combined for 102 unforced errors, there were moments of brilliance that generated dueling clap-accompanied chants of each man's first name from the Court Philippe Chatrier crowd.

In the fifth set, with shadows covering more than half the court, Alcaraz moved out front by sliding until he could reach across his body to snap a backhand passing winner for a break point.

A forehand winner one of

his 30 in the match made it 2-0 at the 3½-hour mark, earning a yell of "Vamos!" from his coach, 2003 French Open champion Juan Carlos Ferrero.

Soon, it was 3-0, and Alcaraz was on his way.

"It was a great match. For sure, the sets he won, he played better in the important points," Sinner said. "That was the key."

Both players walloped the ball with such force that the ball-off-strings thuds elicited gasps from spectators in the middle of points. Sinner, his rust-colored shirt a few shades darker than the clay, came out ready at the start of the match, barely ever missing, gliding more than grinding along the baseline, stretching his long limbs to get to nearly everything Alcaraz offered. Alcaraz, his right arm covered by a white sleeve, would deliver a powerful shot to a corner, punctuated with a grunt, and Sinner would somehow get to it, flip it back and draw a mistake.

Sinner led 4-0 and it took Alcaraz 20 minutes of striving to simply place a "1" beside his name on the scoreboard. The second set began inauspiciously for Alcaraz, who fell behind 2-0.

"I told myself," Alcaraz said, "that it's going to be a long match."

Here's how Alcaraz came through: He came up with a 32-23 edge in winners over the last two sets.

With his strokes, somehow, gaining zest, and the fans, somehow, getting louder, Alcaraz advanced at a tournament he grew up watching on TV at home in Spain as his countryman Nadal piled up a record 14 titles.

Not that it was easy.

"It's one of the toughest matches that I've played, for sure," Alcaraz said. "The toughest matches that I played in my short career have been against Jannik." □